

SUMMER SEMINARS AT FEE

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FEE AS A CLASSROOM

THE FOUNDATION FOR ECONOMIC EDUCATION was founded in 1946 as a nonpolitical and nonprofit educational institution. Its major activity has always been the publishing and distributing of books, magazines, and pamphlets that develop the rationale for the private ownership of property, the free market economy, and a strictly limited government.

Along with its publishing activities, however, FEE has also generally served as a "classroom" of one kind or another. During the past 20 years, hundreds of students of various ages, races, and religions have come to Irvington to use our library and to study with the staff.

In addition to specially designed self-study programs for individuals, there have also been various programs for selected groups of students on a more formal basis. During the summers of 1956-57, for example, five seminars of two weeks duration were held for groups of 15 to 20 students. Most of those students were college professors in the social sciences.

Many study groups also come to FEE for shorter seminars, two to four days. In addition, the FEE staff has been conducting similar seminars across the nation (and in various foreign countries) since 1952.

Thus, the Foundation for Economic Education has always been a school, in a real sense of the word.

In 1961, three foreign students came here for a self-study program of six months. In the summer of 1962, eight students (foreign and U.S.A.) came for two months. At that point, the decision was made to put the "classroom" part of FEE on a more formal basis; six weeks of regular classes in the traditional sense were initiated for those eight graduate students. Six of them successfully completed the course.

During the winter of 1962-63, extensive alterations were made in the FEE buildings—a lecture hall, dormitories, and dining facilities were added. An expanded "FEE classroom program" was then announced.

During the summer of 1963, two formal sessions of five weeks each were conducted for a total of 30 students. They were mostly high school teachers of the social studies.

During the summer of 1964, two sessions of four weeks each were conducted for a total of 40 students, representing 16 states and four foreign countries. Thirty of the students were teachers,

again mostly high school teachers of the social studies.

During the summer of 1965, four seminars of one week each were conducted for a total of 113 students from all parts of the United States. Eighty-two of the students were teachers (22 of these were members of college faculties).

The decision has now been made to once again conduct four of these one-week FEE Summer Seminars in 1966. While these seminars are designed primarily for teachers on the secondary level, any academically qualified person is most welcome.

SEMINAR SCHEDULE, 1966

Sunday

(June 19, July 10, July 24, August 21)

Arrival and check-in at any time between 9 A.M. and 4 P.M.

P.M.

1:00	Lunch
5:00 - 6:00	Social hour
6:00	Dinner
7:15 - 9:00	Lecture (Leonard Read) and discussion

Monday

A.M.

7:00 - 8:00	Breakfast
8:15 - 9:30	Lecture (Dr. Benjamin A. Rogge)
9:30 - 10:00	Coffee break
10:00 - 10:30	Discussion period (Dr. Rogge)
10:40 - 11:40	Lecture (Percy Greaves, Jr.)

12:00 Lunch

P.M.

1:15 - 2:00	Discussion period (led by seminar participant)
2:00 - 3:00	Lecture (Rev. Edmund Opitz)
4:00 - 5:00	Lecture (FEE staff member)
6:00	Dinner
7:15 - 9:00	Lecture (guest, e.g. Dr. Mises) and discussion

Tuesday through Friday

Same schedule as Monday

Saturday

A.M.

7:00 - 8:00	Breakfast
8:15 - 9:30	Lecture (Dr. Rogge)
9:30 - 10:00	Coffee break
10:00 - 11:40	Lecture (Leonard Read) and discussion
12:00	Lunch and end of program

STAFF LECTURERS: Leonard Read, president of FEE, will conduct the Sunday opening and Saturday closing lectures. Dr. Benjamin A. Rogge will conduct the Monday through Saturday early morning lectures on Economic Theory. Percy Greaves, Jr., and the Reverend Edmund A. Opitz will conduct the late morning and early afternoon lectures on Philosophy of Government. The late afternoon lectures on Economics and Government will be divided among Miss Bettina Bien, Dr. W. M. Curtiss, Dr. Paul Poirot, and Leonard E. Read.

GUEST LECTURERS: The five evening lecturers will probably be selected from the following visitors who have lectured at previous FEE seminars:

MR. LAWRENCE FERTIG, Economic Columnist

DR. HENRY HAZLITT, Economist, Author, and Columnist

DR. LUDWIG VON MISES, Professor of Economics, New York University

DR. SYLVESTER PETRO, Professor of Law, New York University

MR. RALPH RAICO, Instructor of History, Wabash College

DR. DEAN RUSSELL, Consultant Business Education Research, General Electric Company

DR. HANS SENNHOLZ, Professor of Economics, Grove City College

PHILOSOPHY of FEE

Each accepted applicant will be sent two books: *The Law* by Frederic Bastiat and *Clichés of Socialism*, an extensive collection of answers by various authors. These two short books indicate clearly the general philosophy that undergirds the FEE approach to the study of political economy. The two books are an integral part of the course, and the student is expected to read them before he comes here.

These one-week seminars are designed to offer a thorough introduction to the libertarian philosophy of government and the "Austrian School" approach to economics. If a student is convinced that the Keynesian (macro or holistic) approach to the study of economics is the correct one, he would probably be wasting his time coming here. These FEE seminars are specifically designed for those students who are of the opinion that the most productive approach to economic problems is through the study of individual human action — that is, the study of why and how men act in the exchange of their goods and services. This approach is based on the theory that economics is an *a priori* science, in the same sense as is logic.

This subjective, micro-economic, individual, human action approach to the study of political economy is the only justification for conducting the FEE seminars. The macro, statistical, "mass man," Gross National Product approach is taught everywhere. We sincerely hope that these FEE seminars will prove to be the harbinger of a general academic resurgence toward the idea that the proper study of man in any area still begins with the actions of the individual person.

NOTE WELL: Students at the FEE seminars are expected to express their own opinions, ideas, and beliefs — and to defend them logically and dispassionately. Unanimity of belief is neither expected nor encouraged. But the prospective students should understand clearly that the instructors of the FEE seminars are primarily interested in studying the theory and practice of the free market economy; they have little interest in discussing how to improve the procedures and mechanisms of governmental intervention in the economic and other areas of peaceful human action. The approach is always from the voluntary, instead of the compulsory, viewpoint.

COSTS and FELLOWSHIPS

The total FEE charge for the one-week seminar is \$150 — to cover tuition, books, supplies, board, and room.

There are several full fellowships available for educators. The fellowships cover the FEE charge of \$150, plus a grant of five cents a mile to help the teacher defray most (but not all) of his travel expenses. The two requirements for these fellowships are that the educator must have signed a contract for the 1966-67 academic year and that he be able to explain briefly why he thinks this particular course might be of help to him in his work.

FACILITIES and PROCEDURES

The entire top floor of the main FEE building (see picture on front page) has been converted into a dormitory for a maximum of 28 men. There are three single rooms, six double rooms, three triple rooms, and one room for four students. A building adjacent to the main FEE building has been converted into a dormitory for a maximum of 11 women. There are two single rooms, three doubles, and one triple.

Thus, unless the student advances a compelling reason to the contrary, he (and also she) will probably share a room with a fellow student. These rooming facilities, however, are both spacious and comfortable; all previous students have been quite satisfied with them.

All dining facilities are located in the main FEE building. Students and FEE staff share these facilities; it is assumed that this informal mingling of students and staff at lunch and other times will be beneficial to both.

When the applicant is notified of his accept-

ance to the seminar, he will send an advance payment of \$25 — unless he is an educator who has been awarded a fellowship. That \$25 deposit is nonrefundable, but it will be credited to the student's account when he registers. The payment of the total FEE charge of \$150 is due at the time of registration.

FINAL NOTE: The Foundation for Economic Education has no racial policies or religious requirements. But, again, the prospective student should understand that the approach of the FEE seminar instructors to the study of economics and government is premised on the idea of a moral order. Finally, it is agreed that the student and the Foundation for Economic Education each reserves the right, unilaterally and at any time, to sever the relationship existing between them. This may be done by either written or verbal notice, and for any reason, stated or unstated. In such cases, the pro-rated share of payments will be refunded.

For additional application forms or further information, merely write to

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